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Committee Focuses on Research and Special Operations

Washington D.C.—Today the House Armed Services Committee considered the portion of H.R.1815, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, that falls under jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Unconventional Threats.

Science and Technology Funding

“With the proliferation of advanced weaponry spreading around the globe, investment in science and technology accounts has never been more important,” said **Rep. Jim Cooper (TN)**. “This bill is a step in the right direction, but I wish it would do more. I hope we can increase the Department’s commitment to S&T, and I look forward to doing just that in conference.”

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

“The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is a crucial component in the development of cutting-edge technologies that our brave men and women in uniform will rely on in the future. By increasing the funding for advanced research, we energize our country’s science and technology base and make a direct contribution to tomorrow’s military,” commented **Subcommittee Ranking Member, Martin Meehan (MA)**.

Special Operations Command

“Our Special Operations Forces play a vital role in the security of our world, and it is essential that we provide them with the funding to do their job and keep our nation safe,” said **Rep. Mike McIntyre (NC)**. “This bill provides an additional investment of \$100 million, for a total of \$4 billion, that give them the tools and resources they need. This is a positive step forward in the Global War on Terrorism.”

Information is not considered final until committee passage of H.R.1815.

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